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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for one (1) month from March 18, 2003, to April 18, 2003. Enclosed is form PTO-2038 authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- Transmitted herewith is Amendment "A", 1 month extension of time.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| (1)<br>FOR                                                                                  | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | (3) | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID<br>FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE                                                                         | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                                                             | 14                                            | -   | 20                                           | 0                       | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$9.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00             | \$0                      |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS                                                                       | 4                                             | -   | 3                                            | 1                       | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$42.00<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$84.00 | \$84.00                  |
| APPLICATION AMENDED TO CONTAIN<br>ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS NOT<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR. |                                               |     |                                              |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO                 | \$0<br>ONE TIME          |
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- Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 by one month(s) for a fee of \$110.00 so that the period for response is extended to April 18, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.
- The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 is included in the enclosed check.
- The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) is included in the enclosed check.
- The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$194.00 covers the total claim fee and 1 month extension and other applicable fees.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional claim fee, extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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